

August 22, 2005

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Utilities Services of South Carolina Inc
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Attention: Rating Administration
Re: Docket 2005-217-W/S

I received the mailing from Utility Services regarding the proposed rate increases and was shocked at the size of the increase. In addition I was disappointed in the approach Utilities took in notifying the subscribers. We received no explanation as to why an increase of over 60% was being requested.

As a resident of Carowoods in Fort Mill, SC I am appreciative of the work done by Utilities since they took over administration from US Utilities. Service interruptions are fewer, water taste has improved, and upgrades made to the system.

If part of this increase is to pay for "Capital improvements" you should be specific on what those improvements are, and how long it will take to amortize the cost, what will out rates return to at the end of that period.

In the meantime, lacking that information, we must protest the rate increase as excessive.

Any information you could supply would be helpful, perhaps a representative of Utilities could arrange a meeting here in Fort Mill to help us understand the need for an increase of this size.

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Below is a table used to estimate amount of increase

One month typical usage	Usage		Now		Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Sewer			\$ 25.00		41.39	\$ 16.39	66%
SC DHEC fee			\$ 2.37		2.37	\$ -	0%
Water	5.83	\$ 2.60	\$ 15.16	\$ 4.30	\$ 25.07	\$ 9.91	65%
Base Facility			\$ 9.00		15.68	\$ 6.68	74%
Total			\$ 51.53		\$84.50	\$ 32.98	64%

Regards,



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